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Society applied for the loan it came to light that the Registrar has issued an order that such institutions should not be given credit facilities. Now the District Bank has asked the Alanallur Bank to return the loan taken by them. Will the Government reconsider the whole position and do the needful? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question may be addressed to my Hon. Colleague in charge of Co-operation."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" As some of the societies are hard put to carry on their business when they have no wholesale licences, will the Government relax the rules and issue them wholesale licences? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Wherever possible, we have relaxed the rules. But in respect of societies which have mismanaged their business, we are unable to help."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Government have given some reasons for depriving the societies of their wholesale licences. Such things occurred during the management or mismanagement of the societies by the executive officers appointed by the Government. Is it fair or just to deprive the societies of their wholesale licences on account of conditions for which the Government themselves were responsible? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The executive officers were appointed by the Government only when they found that the societies had mismanaged their affairs. Therefore, the Government did not appoint these officers on their own initiative. So, where societies have been superseded and where defalcations have taken place, the hon. Member cannot expect the Government to restore or continue the wholesale licences."

Forests reserved in Gingee taluk for taking green-manure under permits.

* 701 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the name of the reserve forest reserved for taking green-manure with permits in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The names of the reserved forests are as follows :—

(1) Karai.
(2) Muthukadu.
(3) Padipallam.
(4) Pakkamalai.
(5) Gangavaram.
(6) Thurinjikadu.
(7) Thandavasamudram.
(8) Siruvadi.

} Markanam Range.

(9) Adukkam—Tirukoilur Range."

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Sri K. Aranganathan :—" The Hon. Minister says that green manure can be taken under permits from all the forests in Gingee taluk. Sir, during the year 1952–53, permits were issued to carry green manure only in respect of Karai reserve forest. May I know whether the Government will enquire why permits were denied in respect of other forests? "

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" In 1952–53, free removal of green manure was allowed not only in Karai forest but also in Muthukadu, Gangavaram, Siruvadi and Adukkam forests."

Conference of the members of the panchayat boards in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 702 Q.—Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions relating to the difficulties and disabilities of panchayat boards passed at the Conference of members of the panchayat boards in Malabar and South Kanara, held in 1954 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri S. S. Ramaswami Padayachi :—" (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Question No. 994 answered on the 30th March 1954."

Sri T. Ananta Pai :—" There is considerable dissatisfaction about the way the Panchayat Boards are functioning. Obviously the finances are short of the responsibilities entrusted to them. Will the Government constitute a committee to enquire into the working of the whole Panchayat Act? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. Ramaswami Padayachi :—" We will certainly go into it."

Appointment of Revenue Divisional Officers in Tanjore district.

* 703 Q.—Sri S. Swayamprakasam (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the posts of Revenue Divisional Officers were filled up in Tanjore district ;

(b) how many of the persons appointed were in the eligible list ;

(c) whether there are any persons belonging to the Backward Classes among them ; and

(d) the procedure adopted in the matter of filling up these posts?